

# HAPPINESS IS.....

## GROWING YOUR FIRST SUNFLOWER



Welcome to the summer edition of the Apple Echo. Our theme for this edition is gardening, and we have lots of photos of the children at home as well as an update from gardening club. You will also find the usual updates from the classes as well as fantastic articles from our roving reporters in Prep 3 and 4. We are also delighted to bring you 'Alumni News' for the first time and you can read all about Joey Robinson on page 19. If you were a pupil at Orchard and would like to share your story with us please get in touch.

Thank you to Harry for our wonderful cover photo.

## From the Head Teacher

The wonderful weather this half term has given us the fantastic opportunity to be outside and enjoy our school grounds. Linda and Roger have again worked their magic to ensure the outside is looking its best and ready for all the scheduled activities and events for the run up to the end of the year.

Since our last publication at Christmas, we have had some wonderful events when we have been able to come together as a community. Our Mothers' day tea had a great attendance as did our Easter Egg Hunt. We celebrated the Kings coronation with presentations by all the classes though, I am sure you will agree, the nursery stole the show with their "If you're a king and you know it, wear your crown".

Many of our parents supported the Trek 24 fundraiser for Bedfordshire Air Ambulance covering the 24K course over Barton Hills which raised an amazing £42,000. Mrs. Middleton (George Prep 3), the organiser of the event, managed an incredible £4,000.

Orchard's own main annual fundraiser celebrated its tenth anniversary, and we were lucky enough to have Dr Max Williamson (pupil 1998-2007) here to open the event. It was because of the diagnosis of cancer Max received over ten years ago, that we began raising money for the unit. Over the years we have donated more than £50,000 and have added a remarkable £3,250 to that total this year. Thank you all for your generosity and commitment to such a worthwhile cause.

As the year draws to a close with our fete, sports day, school play, end of year assembly and prize giving to come, we thank our Friends group for all the support, enthusiasm and sheer stamina in helping to make our children's time here at Orchard special. We are so lucky that our Friends, made up of representatives from each of our nine classes, give freely of their time, to not only, keep their class WhatsApp informed but organise events for the pleasure and enjoyment of our community. A big thank you to you all.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to our Prep 4 children who have all accepted places for the schools of their choice. Well done. We know you will hit the ground running in September and we cannot wait to hear of your achievements and the difference we know you will make to your new schools.

Happy holidays.

*Mrs Anne Burton*

## From the Friends of Orchard

What a wonderful year we have had at Orchard again; from the quiz all the way back in September, through all the festive fun over Christmas, the Easter Bunny getting up to mischief in the Spring and now heading towards the end of the Summer term there are plays, concerts, Sports Days and the Summer Fair to keep us all very busy before the holidays.

Friends of Orchard have been working hard behind the scenes, organising events and helping school and nursery with other activities. One recent highlight was the Addenbrooke's Fun Run, which as you will all agree, was fabulous! The children (and some very brave grown-ups!) were quite incredible, doing the obstacle course and running round the school in that heat. The t-shirts that everyone wore were printed by Prestige and donated by Friends, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this fundraising extravaganza. The children showed their resilience, determination and dedication to the cause and we were all very proud of them.

From this year's fundraising we donated £100 to each class through school and nursery, to be spent on something that the teachers felt would benefit the children. It has been great hearing their ideas and seeing their shopping lists!

Unfortunately, the end of the year means we have to say some thank yous and goodbyes. Anna Gingell has been a brilliant Chair of Friends and we cannot thank her enough for all her hard work this year. We are waving the Prep 4s off as they head to their new schools and we wish them the best of luck! We also have to say goodbye and a huge thank you to Nicky Gill, who has been a wonderfully reliable and hard-working member of the Friends group for several years. We will miss you Nicky!

Have a great Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in September, for another exciting year at Orchard!

*Whizz Middleton*

## Seedlings

This term the Seedlings have been busy doing lots of craft activities, which is their favourite activity.



They have been enjoying making Paper Plate Ladybugs and Spiders, having ago at threading pipe cleaners for the spiders legs. Also the children have been gluing and sticking, collaging Lolly-Pop pictures for our holiday display board, and I must say what a good job they did.



Back in March the children planted some Sun Flower seeds in small pots, and this term the children did a good job of helping to plant them in the larger containers under our canopy area. With help from the children looking after them, watering them each day, the plants have flowered making our canopy look nice and colourful.

The children had great fun when taking part in our fun run, raising money for Addenbrookes, completing the soft play obstacle course. Good fun had by all and all the children received a medal for taking part.



## Codlings

This Term Codlings have been enjoying playing in our Ice Cream Parlour. They have been using their imagination and making lots of different flavoured ice creams. We also made of our own homemade ice cream using strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and mango. We mixed this with a little carton of apple juice then we got the children

to take turns of blending down the fruits. We then put the fruit into their own little tubs and put these in the freezer.



Codlings have also been enjoying doing lots of arts and crafts for our summer seaside display board. We have been decorating lots of different Ice Lolly pictures along with shells, sunshine's and bucket and spades. We used glue and a wide variety of collage materials to create our pictures.



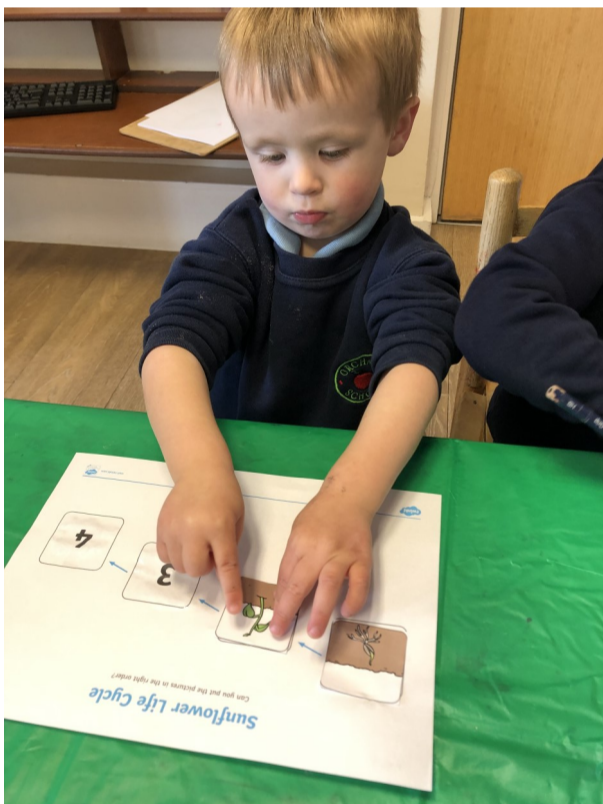
The Children also took part in the Addenbrookes fun run. This was great and all the children had a brilliant time.

## Pippins

This term we have been focusing on growing and minibeasts.



Throughout the term we have been looking at a range of books such as 'Rosa's big sunflower experiment' which linked to our activity of planting our own sunflowers and learning all about the sunflower's lifecycle.



As well as looking at 'Oliver's Vegetables', alongside an activity of Oliver's bingo which supported the children with taking turns. We then moved onto 'Superworm' which the children thoroughly enjoyed by joining in with saying the chant. Throughout that week we created our own wriggly worm paintings, as well as making minibeasts with playdough, such as spiders, worms, and ladybirds.



Throughout this term we have made the most of the glorious weather by spending much of our time outside exploring the grass area, as well as playing in the large sand pit. The children have shown joy with creating volcanos in the sand as well as homes for the dinosaurs.

## Russets

Well, we've done it, we have finished our final term of Russets at Orchard School. We are so proud of the progress that ALL the children have made over the academic year. All the children have made some fantastic progress within their Personal, Social and Emotional Development navigating their way through friendships and their feelings. Their Communication and Language skills have continued to flourish in various ways such as prepositions, pronunciation, gender terminology etc. The children's independence skills are continuing to progress, with many children now being confident enough to dress themselves and the majority of the class remaining dry throughout the day. Their fine motor skills have

improved over the year, we have seen many of the boys developing an interest in arts and crafts in the final term of Russets, which has involved their pincer grip and cutting skills.

In Week 29 we were extremely busy with STEAM Week, over the week the children were able to take part in experiments relating to various elements of STEAM: Science Day, Technology Day, Engineering Day, Art Day and Maths Day.

On 22nd May we celebrated Cultural Diversity Day, we invited the children to come into school dressed in something that was related to their culture. We had such a lovely day; the children were so proud of their clothing and to tell us all about their own cultures.

Due to the warmer weather this term we have been able to enjoy our afternoon rests outside under the trees whilst listening to either relaxing music or stories. It has been so lovely to see the children just enjoy relaxing outdoors. Again, thanks to the weather we have spent many of our afternoons enjoying the big sandpit!

In the second part of this term we celebrated Healthy Eating Week, introducing the children to fruits and vegetables they may have not tried before. The children were eager to





help make and taste our very own butter. We also discussed the importance of being physically active and took part in the school Fun Run.

Let's not forget Coronation Week where the Russets took part in so many planned activities in both the class and throughout the school celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.

Michelle, Sophie and I would like to thank all of you for all your support over the year, we really have appreciated it! We wanted to wish all the children the best for their next adventures in Reception, we know they will do amazingly well!



## Prep R

When the Prep 3's and 4's asked for another Apple Echo update, it truly felt like it had not been that long ago that we wrote the last! I could not believe it when I realised that it was all the way back in Autumn! Where has time gone? It is hard to know where to start as the Prep R's have been extremely busy!

Some definite highlights of the year have been our wonderful trips to Standalone Farm and Whipsnade Zoo. Not only did we have a brilliant time exploring, eating lunch (always a highlight for the children, along with the bus ride) and learning about the animals but the Prep R's always enjoyed coming back and telling everyone about their trip and writing up their favourite parts. Every time they made us extremely proud with their brilliant behaviour and manners, in which both times members of the public actually commented on!



Linking with our visits, after Christmas our topic was 'Animal Explorers' where the Prep R's were all invited to attend a training camp to prove that they had what it took to gain their animal excerpt badge. There was a flubber experiment, poo investigating and penguin feather testing, alongside lots of other tasks. Thankfully, all children passed with flying colours and received their badges! We also celebrated Chinese New Year at the beginning of the year, where

our budding chefs prepped the vegetables and all made Dim Sum to take home. We also spent time practising and performing a traditional dragon dance for the whole of the school before lunch time!

In the run up to Easter, we moved on to our 'Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots' topic. As we explored the text 'Jasper's Beanstalk', the Prep R's all planted and cared for their own bean!



There have been lots of updates to inform me how well some are doing, so I look forward to hearing about plentiful harvests. Over the half term we also welcomed 'Little City', had a glorious time at the Holi Colour Party and had to do some investigating when Evil Pea began causing some chaos in class. Poor Carrot and Leek!



We then kick started the Summer term reading one of my all time favourite texts of 'Whatever Next'. The Prep R's were stunned one day when they came in to find a few of our classroom items, including my chair, had gone missing. The intrepid investigators soon found a note left from Little Bear explaining that he had borrowed them to make a rocket. This soon set the Prep R's imagination flying when they all designed their own rockets made of traffic cones, baths and even a football net. We also got busy rehearsing for our Coronation Performance. I was honestly so incredibly proud of how well the Prep R's did learning their lines, moves and songs for their performance and still now I hear the '0800 00 10 66' being sung regularly! We also squeezed in lots of experiments to showcase STEAM week, from racing track testing, boat building and marble run constructing!



What a wonderful year it has been in Prep R! Wishing you all a fabulous Summer!



## Prep 1 & 2

We can't believe the end of the year is here! Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for helping make it a fantastic year for the Prep 1 and 2 children. We really appreciate all the effort made towards our topic days, homework, and fundraising. We believe the children have thoroughly enjoyed all these events and benefited from these extra-curricular activities. Hopefully they have made memories for years to come, we certainly have!

This year has been 'jam packed' full of fun topics but when asked, the children seemed to particularly enjoy our Space, Mexico and Dinosaur topics. We began the year with our topic on Mexico and found out where it was in relation to the United Kingdom and the rest of the world. We looked at similarities and differences between a pupil at a school in Tocauro, Mexico and us, at Orchard. It ended with a fun filled topic day, where we danced a Mexican hat dance, ate traditional Mexican food and made sombreros, o'lay!



After the Christmas term we zoomed into our 'Out of the World' topic where we learned about the first animals/people in space and the first moon landing. We took part in a Space Boot Camp where we had to complete real astronaut challenges and tried astronaut food. The topic culminated with an informative sharing assembly for our parents and the school. The feedback was very positive and many of the children can still remember their lines!



A strange sight was observed at the beginning of the summer term. A giant footprint was found in our school grounds by the children. We later discovered it was a real iguanodon footprint cast. WOW! This started our topic off on the right foot (ha-ha!). We studied a famous fossil hunter named Mary Anning and found out that she didn't get the recognition she deserved because she was a woman! It was great to see how shocked the children were at this injustice. We completed our topic with a trip to the Natural History Museum in Tring, which was brilliant. The children's remarkable behaviour was commented on by both the museum staff and members of the public. Well done, Preps!



One other event that can't be forgotten was the Coronation celebrations. We had a wonderful week completing numerous activities with our classmates and other children around the school, ending with the highly entertaining Take Me Out Tudor style; we won't forget Henry 8<sup>th</sup>'s strut onto stage to Salt-N-Pepa's Whatta Man for a while! Also, Prep 2's Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> rap. Who knew Prep 2 were partial to gangster rap and had the attitude to match, champagne anyone?!

As the year draws to a close, we sadly have to say goodbye to some of our Orchard friends. We shall miss them all greatly and wish them all the best for their bright futures.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy summer! Mrs Phillips and Miss McMullan xx



## Prep 3 & 4

What a Summer Term we have had in Prep 3 and 4! I can't believe we are nearly at the end of the year. We have been practicing really hard for the summer play, 'Wedding Crashers' and hope you can come along and enjoy the show. The highlight of the term was our PGL trip where we spent a week in Caythorpe Lincolnshire, but I'll leave it to Lily to give you the details.



In Spring term we learnt about mountains and volcanoes. The children produced reports about volcanoes and some beautiful sketches and painting. They even made model relief mountains when learning about contours.



In the Summer Term we have been learning about the Romans (Zakk will give you some information about this later). We made mosaics and the children also sculpted clay busts of their own faces in the style of a fierce Roman. In science this term we have been learning about the human body and the nutrition we need to stay healthy. We have been learning about our skeleton and naming some of the bones in the body. We found out that muscles work in pairs to move our skeleton.



We had a fantastic Coronation Week and the children had lots of fun litter picking as part of the 'Big Help Out'. They loved it so much that William even said he would like to be a litter picker for a job when he is older!

In the Autumn term we played St Hilda's School at Netball and this term we had a cricket match. We got revenge for our earlier defeat and the children had a great time.

Many thanks to Mr Emerson for his brilliant coaching!

Prep 3 and 4 all did themselves proud in the Fun Run and everyone managed at least 5km, which is no mean feat considering the conditions. They even found the energy to run fundraising stalls in the afternoon.



Jessica and Sophie's Magic and Comedy stall was particularly popular!

Well done to Prep 3 and 4! Myself and Mrs Justin have been extremely proud of you throughout the year and for those of you moving on to new schools, I am sure you will continue to make us proud. Good luck! X





## CRACKING CORONATION

On 6th May King Charles was coronated. In the week before it we did lots of fun activities in school to celebrate this special occasion.

On Tuesday, we were split up into groups and we did different art activities to do with the King's Coronation. I did the King's face with pieces of tissue paper so it acted like a suncatcher.

Wednesday was the 'Big Help Out' day and we did some really fun litter picking. We went up the drive and all the way down the field. We found LOADS of litter! I had to get into a ditch to find lots of more rubbish. We also had a yummy cake sale.



I worked with Avni and Zakk. Altogether we raised over £250. It was really fun because we got to have some cake as well as the younger children.



On Thursday all of the classes did a presentation about a King or Queen. We did a presentation about King Aethelstan, the first king of England. It was really funny because Zakk was Aethelstan and he had to wear a wig that looked like Aethelstan's hair.

"I liked Prep 3's because it was AWESOME!" said Leo.

On Friday we had a feast. We had quiche which is my favourite lunch. It was super fun because we got to bring our accessories. In the afternoon we had a Royal Ball. We had learnt a special dance in our dance lessons. At the ball there was a photobooth with a soldier that had a hole in it so you could put your head through the hole. Coronation week was lots of fun!  
By George



## TOP TEDDY TIME

On Friday 16th of June, Prep 3 and 4 had a Teddy Bear's Picnic. The picnic was only for Prep 3 and 4 because we had filled the marble jar and this was our reward. We earned the reward by sitting nicely on the carpet.

It was our HEALTHY LIVING Week so we had a healthy picnic. We had passion fruit, melon, ice pops, rice crackers & strawberries.

"My favourite food was the passion fruit and melon," said George.

"It was delish!" exclaimed Lily &

Avni.

We brought our teddies to the picnic to do some TEDDY sports. "My squishmellow was called Denton!" exclaimed George. Avni and Amaya also had squishmellows called Yoda and Ice Pop. We did some games. We did the TEDDY jump & the TEDDY race then we played. George won the teddy long jump and Brooke won the race. It was a really fun afternoon.

By Sophie



## FABULOUS FUN RUN

On the 14th of June 2023 it was the 10th anniversary of running for Addenbrookes Hospital. We were raising money for the Oncology Department where Dr Max Williamson, an ex pupil of Orchard school, had been treated. Every year we have an obstacle course for the little ones (nursery to Prep 1). The prep 2's had an option to do the fun run or the obstacle course and they all chose to do the fun run. They had an amazing time.

The obstacle course was super duper fun and Charlotte said, "I loved going in the sprinklers. It was so refreshing!" There was a slide and an elephant to jump over and big sticks to dodge. "I liked dodging the sticks," Jovan

said. Before the obstacle course Mrs Burton called all the parents to come and cheer on the older ones for the fun run and Dr Max Williamson waved the starting flag. Then all the parents quickly ran back to the grass for the obstacle course.

Fleur said, "I loved jumping over the elephant."

A lap of the fun run was one kilometre (1000 metres) and there was a water station three quarters of the way around the grass and a sprinkler a little bit further up.

Rumasia said, "I love bouncing on the mushroom."

When everyone got in from the fun run or obstacle course they had an amazing snack. Yummy yummy!!!

Everyone had an amazing day helping Addenbrookes hospital and

raising lots of money.

"It was so fun and I helped people by doing seven laps and I felt so good afterwards," said Sophie.

By Jessica



## SUPER STALLS

On the 14th of JUNE Prep 3 & 4 ran fundraising stalls to raise money for Addenbrookes Hospital Oncology Department. The Fun Run was opened by Dr Max Williamson who had been treated there. We wanted to raise as much money as we could.

We set up our stalls and posters. Also there was magic, cards and basketball too. All the games and posters were so amazing! Jess and Sophie did magic tricks and had magic glitter. Evie and Emma put magic glitter on their faces and it was beautiful. "I loved the magic tricks!" said Emma.

Lily and Amaya had a stall to name

the teddy. Anshi won the teddy and she was so happy. Joshan played the higher or lower game and won a prize.



Arjan & William did nerf guns and

people had to try to shoot the teachers and children in the face (don't worry it was only their pictures!)

"I loved the nerf gun!" said Leo.

We raised £119.47 for Addenbrookes Hospital. It was fun running our stalls and all the schools liked it.

By Avni



## FANTASTIC FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This year for Father's day breakfast we wore our moustaches as usual. Prep 3 and 4 were the waiters and we had to wear aprons, bow ties and moustaches. We also had to wear shirts and black leggings or trousers. The Father's Day breakfast was on Friday 16th June 2023. When the Prep 3 and 4 got there at 7:30 am they were very nervous. Avni said " I was so super excited and nervous ". Brooke said " I felt amazing and worried about spilling!"

Our first task was not to spill anything and not to get the order wrong! Also to make sure that we didn't miss anybody out. After we had served everyone we got a break and got to have a bacon roll or veggie roll. William said " I loved wearing the fluffy moustache and the bacon roll was delicious to eat!"



We then went round the tables again and checked if anyone would like to have anything else. Mr Clarke then took some pictures and we went back to work. The

teachers were making the tea and coffee. Prep 3 and 4 then took another break and had pastries . "All I could feel was the moustache!" said Jessica J.

When everyone was done we had to tidy up and it was exhausting. Everyone wanted it to be over with because we didn't want to wear our moustaches ever again! We poured out the leftover tea and coffee in the staff room sink .

Everyone had a great time, especially the fathers who had a lot of bacon rolls! I am sure that Prep 3 and 4 had a great time being waiters and waitresses . "I never want to see a bacon roll again!" exclaimed Brooke.

By Ava

## CRAZY CRICKET

On Thursday 25th May 2023, Prep 3 and Prep 4 went to play cricket against St Hilda's. We got in an amazing coach with lights on the floor. Ava said, "It was giving me disco vibes." It was an epic journey there. Ava said she was nervous before the game. It took a long time to get there.

When we got there we got put into teams, Orchard School against St Hilda's. Two girls from St Hilda's joined our team because we didn't have enough people on our team. We were on fire! George made a brilliant catch. Lily thought



it was very very fun. **WE WON BY TEN POINTS HIP HIP HURRAY!!!!**

After the game St Hilda's gave us a snack. We all got a brownie and a juice, it was really yummy. After our snack we went back home. We

were all happy that we had won this time. We were all tired on the way back home.

We all had lots of fun playing cricket. We all want to play another game against St Hilda's. I think everyone had a good time. I hope that anyone that hasn't played cricket gets to play cricket.

By Brooke



## SUPER STEAM WEEK

On the week beginning 15th May Orchard School had STEAM week. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. We had visitors to school and also did lots of fun activities in class.

A man came in to do Atomic Science. He showed us how aeroplane wings worked using toilet paper and a blower. He made a hovercraft using the blower. Jeona liked Atomic Science. He said, "I liked it when he made Amaya float."

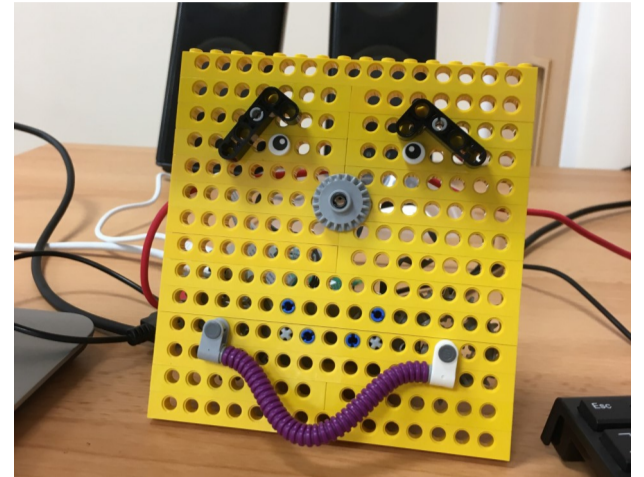
Prep 3 and 4 had a bridge building competition. They had to build a strong bridge to hold lots of coins but could only use paper. Avni and George won with 258 coins, a stapler and a pack of top trumps.



Dr Srinivasan did a coding workshop with Prep 3 and Prep 4. He showed us how to use code to change the colour of lights and make the face change.

"I liked when William's dad made

the face smile and frown," said Sophie.



Dr Putwain did a brilliant talk about amazing animals. Did you know that axolotl can regrow parts of their bodies? She also told us about capybaras. It was very interesting. All of STEAM week was really fun.

By Amaya

## PERFECT PGL

On May the 9th Prep 3 & 4 went to PGL in Lincolnshire for four days of fun adventures. Mr Clarke and Mrs Justin went as well. PGL organise adventure holidays for children and schools for all ages.

We got the coach in the morning and it took 2 hours to get there. We were very excited. We stayed in a dorm in the Bourne building. We had bunk beds and it was great fun. We also had our own bathroom and we had games as well. One of them was Uno. Also the food we had was delicious. There was potato salad, and chicken. Also breakfast was very nice as well. "I loved all the food!" said George.



One of our activities was the giant swing. In fencing we had to put on a

big mask and gloves and coat to make sure we did not get hurt. Then we did paddle boarding as well in the lake and after that we did the sensory trail. Zakk said, "I liked the micro scooters and the dorms because we had bunk beds." We also did archery and fun games trying to hit the targets. We did a climbing wall and I got to the top.

It was an amazing week and everyone had lots of fun.

"It was a brilliant week and the children tried their hardest in everything they did. We were really proud of them," said Mr Clarke.

Thank you PGL!

By Lily

# CREATIVE MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a fun sandbox game created by Notch then Mojang. Minecraft is a game to have fun and learn.

## EDUCATION EDITION

Minecraft has a settings menu and if you turn on education edition it adds elements and equipment like lab table and element conductor and if you get your hands on the mystery element you can place the elements .

## SURVIVAL

Survival is where you and your friends try to survive in a world. Night time zombies, creepers, phantoms and skeletons come so if you make a bed they will not spawn. You can build a house, build a mansion, build anything and have fun.



## CREATIVE

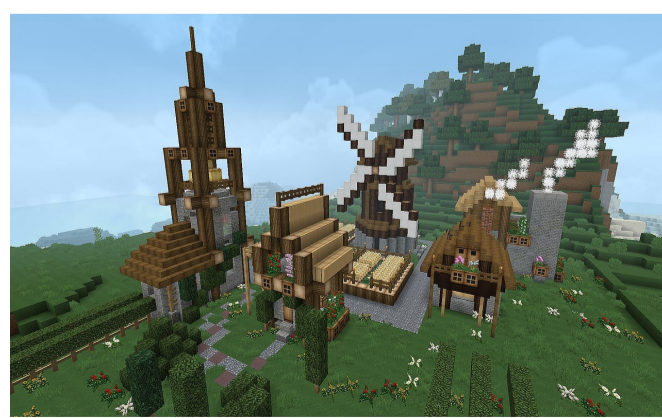
In creative, you can build anything because it has endless building possibilities. For example, you can make houses and castles or create a dinosaur enclosure with sniffers also known as dinosaurs. You can also create a flat world and build a city or a museum and of course build a house to help you to survive and get iron to upgrade your house and also have lots of fun!

## UPDATES

In 1.20 update name is trails and tails and it adds suspicious sand and gravel and in the suspicious sand and gravel you can find pottery shards, emerald and diamonds as well as dinosaur eggs named sniffer eggs. Sniffer eggs hatch into a sniffer and a new biome called the cherry forest biome was added which gives you an achievement (called discover the biomes). You get it if you find every biome in the game.

Minecraft is a game to have fun but don't play too long or you'll get square eyes!  
William rated it 5/5 and said, "I like exploring different biomes and building houses. Handy tip for beginners - watch out for Mobs and Creepers or they explode!"  
George rated it 5/5 and Freddie rated 4/5.

By Arjan



## BRILLIANT BELFAST

On the 17th June—18th June I went on a trip to HMS Belfast in London with cubs.

To get to HMS Belfast we had to take a train. We were on the train for about an hour. When we arrived we had to wait for 45 minutes next to a statue until 10:00. When we were allowed on the ship we waited on the stern (stern means back of the ship). When it was time we dropped off our luggage we were split into different groups to look around the ship.

The first place we looked at on HMS Belfast was the Arctic mess decks. The Arctic mess decks were really far down in HMS Belfast. Next we descended even further into HMS Belfast to look at the missile carousel. After the missile room we headed to lunch. At lunch we saw the flypast because it was the King's birthday. Lastly, we went

to see the Admiral's deck, there was a great view. Then we went to bed.

Next day we went to the gun turret recreation. It was so exciting and it was really realistic. Then went back to the stern and left the ship.

### FUN FACTS

- 1.HMS Belfast served from WW1-the Korean war!
- 2.HMS Belfast has four main gun turrets and each turret has three six inch pounder guns as well as

four anti-aircraft turrets each armed with six vickers machine guns on each turret plus two anti-aircraft guns each with two, two inch guns.  
3.Last but not least HMS Belfast is covered in a special type of paint called dazzle paint which reflects the sun of the ship so the enemy can not see where the guns are or how big she is.

By William



## Rotten Romans

*In the summer term 2023 Prep 3 and 4 were learning about the Romans. Here is some interesting information about the Romans and a fun quiz!*

*We learnt about the legend of Romulus and Remus forming Rome in 753 BC. They were brought up by a she wolf. In 509 BC the Romans were fed up with their cruel king, Tarquin and threw him out of a window into a room of spikes. The Romans were not very kind. We found out that the Romans were ruled by kings, the republic and Emperors. Amaya said "I loved the Roman Republic."*

*The Romans were fierce warriors and for their equipment they used bows, swords, tridents and crossbows. The Roman Empire expanded all across Europe and North Africa including modern day countries such as Italy, The UK, Spain, Libya, Egypt, Portugal and Romania.*

*We learnt about Romans mosaics and what they can tell us about the past. We made our own mosaics with stamps and paint. George said "The mosaics were cool!"*



By Zakk

### Quick Quiz!

1. What did the Romans wear under their leather kilts?

- A Nothing
- B Fig leaves
- C Underpants

2. The Romans did not have tomato ketchup but sauce made from what?

- A Sheep eyeballs
- B Fish guts
- C Elephant's ears
- D Bear's butts

3. Where would you drive on Roman roads?

- A On the left
- B Down the right
- C In the middle



Freddie watering 'Stanley's Tree'



Daisy and Samuel's sunflowers



Aliza planting her carrots and strawberries and showing off her harvest



Quiz Answers

1.C 2.B 3.A



Thomas getting busy in the garden



# Gardening Special

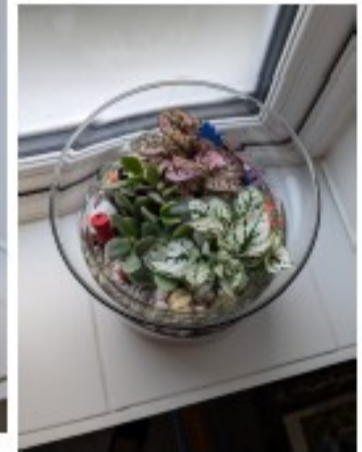


William and Jessica are growing different varieties of potatoes and sunflowers (mini and giant). We are wondering how tall the sunflowers will get. They are looking forward to 'mining' the potatoes later in the summer. William chose 'Duke of York' because he wanted a red potato. Jessica chose pink fir apples for their funny shape



## Green fingers . . . inside and out

During half term they also created Terrariums to keep in the house. You need a layer of grit, a layer of charcoal, some soil, low maintenance plants like succulents and then top with oyster shell. You can then decorate however you like, with rocks or small figures. Can you guess who made the different indoor gardens?



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDEN GARDEN *FAMILY FIRSTS*

On the first Saturday of the month CUBG hold drop-in events for children. In May it was 'Super Seeds'. Jessica learnt about different exotic seeds from fruit and vegetables that you see in the supermarket. She made paper plant pots, decorated a seed tray and then planted a variety. She was hoping that the Pomegranate would do well but so far the Crown Prince Squash is growing best.

Top tip: *Plant your cucumber and squash seeds balanced on their long edge as it helps minimise the chance of rotting before germination.*

July 1<sup>st</sup> is Caterpillar craft if you want to go along. The morning event is free but you have to pay for adults to go into the gardens.  
<https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/caterpillar-craft/>







George weeding, attacking a stump and planting potatoes



TJ watering and planting



Amria at the garden centre



Gabriel and Beatrix planting some Alpine plants



Arjan mowing the lawn



Amar planting his sunflowers



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## GARDENING CLUB

We have some mixed results for Gardening Club this year. Our wonderful cornflowers and scabious' are doing brilliantly, attracting the bees and doing their job. The strawberries, as fast as they are growing, are being attacked by the pigeons.

Gardening club has become very proficient at weeding due to the onslaught of chickweed. We will be treating the allotment pods before we start planting up for our winter vegetables.

Thank you to my wonderful clubbers for their commitment to the garden and all their hard work.



## JOEY ROBINSON



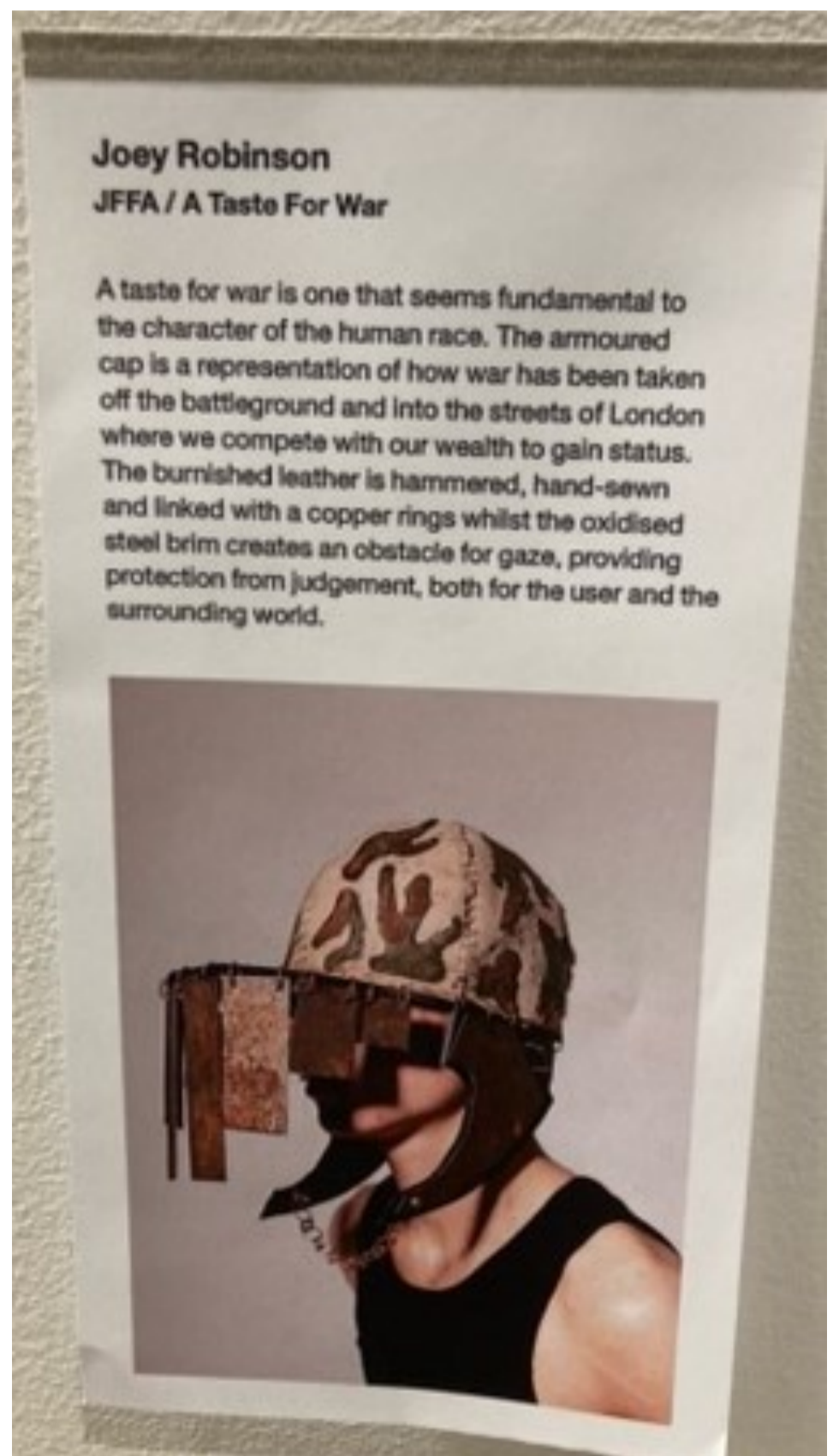
Hi my name is Joey and I study jewellery design at Central Saint Martins college alongside running my own clothing/art brand in London. I left Orchard in 2013 to study at Bedford boys where I went to school from the age of 9 to 16. It was here that I developed as a creative and gained clarity on what sort of direction I wanted my life to go in. Come the end of GCSE's at Bedford School I felt I needed to leave in order to really be the person I wanted to be, and it was then, that I made the decision to join The Bedford Sixth form. This was one of the best decisions I made, as they allowed me to grow as an individual and take control of my own creative direction. Without this, I don't think I would have been able to get into CSM.

Looking back I now see how Orchard gave me the opportunity to be creative through knitting workshops and other making based activities in nursery. This is now something that I am endlessly grateful for as I was able to find my passion and start to make money from it, which I believe is one of the most rewarding things.

Every old student who spoke to the students (when I was at Orchard and Bedford) told us to get involved in anything and everything, which is very true and good advice. However, I know there are far more interesting things for the young mind, other than book clubs and

drawing classes. So whilst I agree that you should get involved in as much as you can, I would also suggest being the best at whatever peaks your interest, even if that is playing PlayStation. This is because the skill of finding a way to win is one of the most important skills you could have to get you where you need to go.

Orchard was the place where I gained the foundations to be a polite, respectful and confident individual, which are all qualities I will hold close to me for the rest of my life.



**Fantastic! Thank you Joey. If you would like to be in the next edition of 'Alumni News' please let us know.**



## **Goodbye to the Class of 2023**

**We will miss you! Good luck at your new schools**

